

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL-SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 19, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Dowell at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:
Members Present: Mayor John Dowell, Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Lopez, Council Members Alan Casey, Linda Pruitt, Frank Castro, Jacob Janda.

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Finance Director Heather Garner, Captain Steve Spencer, GEDC Director Tonya Britton. Not Present-Chief Haril Walpole.

2. PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG - Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME - City Council Member Jacob Janda gave the invocation and Mayor John Dowell welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS - No Announcements

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - Proclamation for the City of Giddings 150th Anniversary.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Denice Harlan spoke on the Grimes Street Festival.

7. CONSENT AGENDA- All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council member so requests.

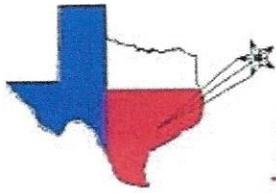
a. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Regular Meeting held on June 28, 2021.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey for approval of Minutes for Meeting held on Monday June 28, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: None



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8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and take action on board nomination(s).

City Secretary Andrea Ray presented a first draft for board nominations for the City of Giddings to City Council. An application for the GEDC Board was received from Charles Hurley.

- 1.) Board of Adjustment (2-year term) Action Needed: 1. Reappoint three members 2. Appoint one alternate.
Curtis Krause 2021, Felton Greer 2021, Mark Muniz (Vice Chairman) 2021, Alternat Vacancy.
- 2.) Parks Board (3-year term) Action Needed: 1. Need to fill one vacancy.
- 3.) Planning and Zoning (3-year term) Action Needed: 1. Reappoint two members.
Julie Lucas 2024, Kevin Schkade 2024.
- 4.) Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board Action Needed: 1. Replacement one member
(John Dowell).

City Council Member Linda Pruitt nominated Crystal Scott for the Parks Board Vacancy. John Dowell nominated Charles Hurley for the GEDC Board. The City Secretary will call other members of the Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning to confirm the reappoint for their places on these boards and City Secretary will confirm with Crystal Scott and she will need to file an application. This agenda item will be brought back before City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor John Dowell and seconded by City Council Member Alan Casey to approve the board nomination(s) first draft.

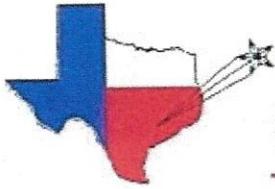
Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: None

b. Discussion and take possible action to authorize the GEDC to provide a construction loan for the amount of \$240,000.00 to the Giddings Brewhaus LLC for improvements to GEDC owned property located at 199 North Burleson Street, Giddings Texas.

The GEDC Director Tonya Britton presented this agenda item to City Council. The GEDC Board approved this action on the July 19, 2021 GEDC Board meeting. A public hearing was held with no objections. The loan is for the Giddings Brewhaus LLC for improvements, GEDC owns the property in which the Giddings Brewhaus is located at 199 North Burleson Street, Giddings, Texas. The loan will be paid back with interest.



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A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro to approve the GEDC to provide a construction loan for the amount of \$240,000.00 to the Giddings Brewhaus LLC for improvements to GEDC owned property located at 199 North Burleson Street, Giddings Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members Casey, Lopez, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: None

- c. Discussion and take possible action to authorize the GEDC to renegotiate the terms of the lease and the existing performance agreement to conform to the terms of the loan agreement.**

GEDC Director Tonya Britton presented this agenda item to City Council.

With the loan being provided by GEDC the old contract and lease agreement will need to be renegotiated to meet the terms and obligations for both party's involved with the property located at 199 N. Burleson St.

A motion was made by City Council Member Frank Castro and seconded by Linda Pruitt to authorize the GEDC to renegotiate the terms of the lease and the existing performance agreement to conform to the terms of the loan agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

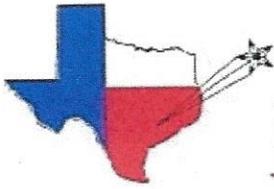
Nays: None

- d. The GEDC director will provide an overview on the Bowen National Research Giddings, Texas Housing Needs Assessment.**

GEDC Director Tonya Britton presented this agenda item to City Council. The Bowen National Research performed the Giddings, Texas Housing Needs Assessment.

The assessment has provided the research on the housing needs of the City of Giddings. This also determined the level of housing for the city and areas in which the economy plays a part in. The entire assessment is 276 pages long and is on the website of the GEDC.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM



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- c. Receive and review second draft of the City of Giddings 2021-2022 proposed budget by finance director Heather Garner.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented a second draft of the City of Giddings 2021-2022 proposed budget. This draft shows a more accurate representation of expected revenues with the certified property tax values and proposed tax rate included. Council reviewed a property tax comparison year over year, proposed capital expenditures for 2021-2022, and a summary of the general fund expenses by department.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM

- d. Discuss and take possible action regarding the sale of an alley located at the 700 block of E. Richmond Street. The two owners of the abutting property to the alley (Guy Havel & Sherman Leiber)

A motion was made by City Council Member Alan Casey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Lopez for approval of the sale of an alley for \$1000.00 located at the 700 block of E. Richmond Street to the two owners of the abutting property to the alley Guy Havel & Sherman Leiber.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Lopez, Casey, Pruitt, Castro, Janda

Nays: None

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We are looking at three grants:
1. (Traylor & Associates) HMGP Grant. This grant is for a generator for what we call the Schubert's Life station and pump station. If we get this grant, we will have a permanent generator at this location for the buster pump, water tower and sewer lift station.
 2. (MHS planning & Design) This grant is for the splash pad at the Veteran's Park.
 3. (MHS Planning & Design) This grant is for a walking trail through the Veteran's Park.
- b. The 2021 Certified Property Tax Values are about \$7,000,000 less than our preliminary values this year. This to be expected due to exemptions and protested appraised values. Our total property tax revenue to be collected this year is about \$12,000 less than last year.
- c. New Police Chief Search: We currently have three in house applicants and four outside applicants. The deadline for accepting applications will be on July 31, 2021



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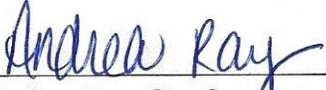
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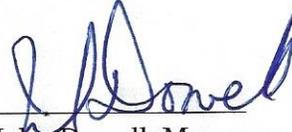
- d. The rain has really put a damper on golfers the last three weeks. We also had an issue with army worms.
- e. We filled the empty position at the golf course (outside employee) from the parks department. We still need to fill the inside position. We have two open positions at the parks department.
- f. We have contract tree trimmers through LCRA in town this week.
- g. The contractor started on the library roof repair today.
- h. There has been a lot more patrol activity on HWY 290 and HWY 77 in the last six weeks.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 8:36 p.m. by Mayor John Dowell.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


John Dowell, Mayor

